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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Kanji HATA et al.

Serial No. 09/010,490 ✓

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COMPONENT MOUNTING APPARATUS AND  
METHOD, AND COMPONENT MOUNTING EQUIPMENT

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### AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of January 30, 2001, the period for response having been extended for three (3) months by the attached petition, please amend the present application as follows:

#### IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

18. (Four Times Amended) A component mounting apparatus comprising:

a pair of component supply tables for accommodating a plurality of components, said component supply tables being arranged on opposite sides of a board mounting position;

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE  
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